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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: T. ITABASHI, et al.  
Application No.: 09/961,291  
Filed: September 25, 2001  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING WIRES AND  
INSULATOR LAYERS WITH VIA-STUDS (AS AMENDED)  
Group Art Unit: 2815  
Examiner: E. Ortiz

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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P.O. Box 1450  
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August 30, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the first month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed June 29, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

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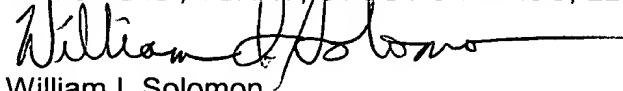
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It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the  
account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135  
(Case No. 501.37226VX1).

Respectfully submitted,

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